



New Democrat Coalition

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OPPOSE REPUBLICAN BUDGET RESOLUTION

SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE

Dear Colleague:

As Members of the House New Democrat Coalition we urge you to oppose the Republican budget resolution, which continues the misguided and irresponsible budget policies of the majority party, and instead we urge you to vote for the Democratic alternative, which will put our nation back on track to balanced budgets while supporting important domestic priorities.

It is clear that the Republican Leadership does not think deficits matter. Their budget will increase the deficit by \$348 billion and add to their legacy of skyrocketing deficits which have saddled our country with massive debt which they will leave for others to manage.

Along with making deficits a permanent part of their yearly budgets, the majority would also make drastic cuts to veterans services, health care, and education – services that are working for Americans. While cutting \$2.2 billion in education funds, \$6.6 billion in veterans funds over the next five years and \$18.1 billion in health funds over the next five years, they make room for an extension of the President's tax cuts while only providing for a one-year extension of AMT relief.

But there is a better way. The Democratic budget will bring us back to balanced budgets in 2012 while providing for the two-sided Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) budget enforcement rules that require that the cost of any new mandatory spending or revenue legislation be fully offset. Additionally, the Democratic budget will provide for the investments in education, health care and veterans services that all Americans should expect and will ensure that we continue to provide for both homeland security and our defense needs abroad.

This House should no longer accept policies that have plunged our nation into massive debt. Instead, we urge you to support the Democratic budget that will bring back balanced budgets while funding our nation's priorities and extending tax relief to the middle-class.

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